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**Canoas Proposes That the Cortes Shall Continue to Vote the Budgets—Cuba May Fix Her Tariffs Only by Giving High Protection to All Spanish Imports**

LOXOS, Feb. 5.—The Standard prints a despatch from Madrid saying that at a meeting of the Cabinet to-day the Ministers discussed for several hours the scheme of reforms for Cuba prepared by Soller Canovas and Colonial Minister Castellano. The reforms include much broader municipal and provincial administrative decentralization than the recently formulated reforms for Porto Rico.

The principal feature of the plan is the creation of a local assembly, styled the Council of Administration, consisting of twenty-one members, part of whom shall be elected by direct limited franchise and part by corporations and commercial interests, in a manner similar to that in which the Spanish Senate is elected.

The powers of the Governor-General are much developed under the scheme, but the Cuban Chamber will be empowered to make a colonial tariff on the condition of always securing a high protection for Spanish imports.

Apart from this concession, the Chamber will only have the control of local affairs, the Cortes continuing to vote the budgets and conclude all legislative treaties.

The Cuban representation in the Senate and

Chamber of Deputies will remain unaltered.

A despatch received by a news agency here says the scheme of reforms was finally agreed upon by the Ministers, and will be signed by Queen Regent Christina to-morrow.

MADRID, Feb. 3.—It is expected that the reforms decided upon for Cuba will be gazetted on Feb. 9, but the date for their going into effect has not yet been fixed, the time of their becoming effective depending upon the progress of military operations in the island.

**BRAVE CUBAN GIRLS.**

Weyler Driven Them Out of Cuba After His Men Had Insulted Them.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 3.—Emilia Cordova, Rosario Siguero, and Clementina Arango, three Cuban girls expelled from Havana by order of General Weyler, arrived here today.

The way that they were hunted by the police of Havana, and were forced to address in the presence of the Inspector of Police, who searched them for documents intended for the Junta.

They confessed that in connection with their brother, the Cuban leader, they had been in the south of their country, going three times to the field and returning to Havana with orders and letters.

Clemencia Alvarez lived in Havana two brothers, both children, who are in the care of friends, and her brother, Juan, who is in the city of Santiago de Cuba, and said that in Arago, where the field she was the only support of her family.

**THE PEACE WYLER BRINGS**

Inaugurate Blowing Up Trains in the Pacific District.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 3.—Another intricate contradiction is virtually assured, that Pinar del Rio province is the country's pacified. On Monday morning a pilot engine, with an armed car and steering a passenger train, left San Cristobal.

Arriving at a culvert at Bacunagua, near Foca Taca, two dynamite bombs exploded, wrecking the engine and car completely. Four civilians were killed and also the Captain of the train.

The engineer, fireman, and eight soldiers were wounded. The culvert was destroyed entirely. The train was interrupted with Pinar del Rio.

It is reported that Weyler, with 13,000 men and twenty-five pieces of artillery, has started from San Felipe de Aguiar, in the center of the section of the Siguanea Hills, west of Cienfuegos, with the intention of attacking or dislodging Gomez, who is reported to be in the mountains to the west.

No encounter is expected, unless Gomez, aided by a naturally strong position and sufficient supplies, is able to make a stand in the mountains, which case a fierce engagement will certainly ensue.

**A HALL IN NAVAL CONSTRUCTION**

The House Committee on Naval Construction, authorized to consider the "Hattie Nimitz" bill, introduced in Washington, Feb. 3.—A hall is to be called by the House Naval Committee in the work of increasing the navy, and the chances are that no new battle ships will be authorized this session and but few torpedo boats. Secretary Herbert urged in his annual report the building of two more great battle ships of the Kearsarge

large class and a dozen torpedo boats, and among the bureau chiefs who have been before the committee recently have advocated increasing the navy. Several members of the committee will endeavor to have one or two battle ships and half a dozen torpedo boats authorized, and they maintain that the majority seem to believe that with five battle ships building there is no necessity of haste in authorizing more, and that the subject should go over to the new Administration. The Senate is not opposed to the building of the new construction, and Senator Hale and

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other members of the Senate Naval Committee propose, when the bill reaches the Senate, to add to the list of vessels to be purchased the battleship and several torpedo boats. Mr. Herber believes that two battle ships should be authorized. He is anxious that about fifteen have been secured. This, he says, would be accomplished in about three years.

**Keeping Up the Fight on Mayor Pingree**  
DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 3.—The fight to oust Gov. Pingree from his office of Mayor of this city was transferred to the local courts to-day by D. W. H. Moreland, a member of the Board of Public Works, applied for and obtained a mandamus from the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne Council to show why it was not recognized that by accepting the office of Governor the Hon. Herber, a member of the Council, had resigned. Mayor, and directed that the vacancy be filled at the charter election in April. The order is returnable on Feb. 13.

**Dr. Whitehead Not in Lawrence.**  
LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 3.—John Murphy, of Lawrence, Dr. Albert Whitehead, of Lawrence, Dr. J. H. Allen, of Danversville, Vt., has not been found here. Timothy J. Murphy of this city, an uncle of Whitehead, denied to-day that the cremator was here, and said that the story that he had been here was a mistake. That the cremator was false. He received on Friday eleven weeks ago when Whitehead at first was in New York. After his long term of imprisonment in England.

**Outlaws Landed in Mexico.**  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 3.—Advices were received here to-day that one section of the band of bad outlaws who recently crossed over

into Mexico from Pecos county, Tex. is being used in the mountains on the Mexican border by Mexican bandits and desperadoes and the desperadoes will be starved into surrendering. They committed a number of murders and robberies on their way here and it is feared that they will probably all be shot.

**Railroad Men Strike for Back Pay.**  
LUBRON, Ind., Feb. 3.—The entire force of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway shopmen struck yesterday for seven months' back pay. As a result the road laid up. The citizens are circulating a petition asking that the mail contract with the road be rescinded and overland routes established.

**Secretary's Criticism in Town.**  
Secretary of the Treasury Carville arrived in the city yesterday morning and is stopping at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.